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Sir:

Please further amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

21 149 (amended). A method according to claim 172 or 148, wherein the first and second streams are advanced in a common direction through said detection station.

150 (amended). A method according to claim 172 or 148, wherein the first and second streams are advanced in respective opposite directions through said detection station.

22 156 (amended). Apparatus according to claim 175, wherein the first and second advancing means take the form of a single conveyor.

23 159 (amended). Apparatus according to claim 175, and further comprising returning means serving to transport to said second advancing means upstream of said